

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Brookner, George	Group Art Unit: 3629
Application No.: 09/683,426	Examiner: Dixon, Thomas A.
Filed: 12/27/2001	Confirmation No: 8729
Title: Postage Stamps Authenticating the Sender of a Mail Piece and Methods for Use Therewith	Attorney Docket No.: ASCO.P-070

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DEFECTIVE APPEAL BRIEF**

On December 6, 2005 the Examiner took the position that Appellant's brief was defective because "the brief does not contain copies of the decisions rendered by a court or the Board in the proceeding identified in the Related Appeal and Interferences section of the brief as an appendix thereto." As there are not any "decisions rendered by a court of the Board" in any proceeding identified in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of the brief, it was impossible to provide such decisions in an appendix. Nevertheless, Appellant responded to the Notice of Defective Appeal Brief on December 7, 2005 by sending an "Empty Appendix" not containing any such decision.

In a voice mail message of March 10, 2006, the Examiner requested that the appeal brief be resubmitted in its entirety including the blank Appendix. The Examiner takes the position that it was not sufficient to send the "Empty Appendix" alone to overcome the Notice of Defective brief.

The attached supplemental appeal brief (which except for the "Empty Appendix" is identical to the original brief filed November 15, 2006) is filed in response to the voice mail message received on March 10, 2006 from the Examiner.

Respectfully,

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